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For: **APPARATUS AND METHOD FOR THE REPAIR OF
ARTICULAR CARTILAGE DEFECTS**

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AMENDMENT

Sir/Madam:

In response to the Final Office Action mailed October 16, 2008 and the Advisory Action mailed January 15, 2009, please consider the following remarks:

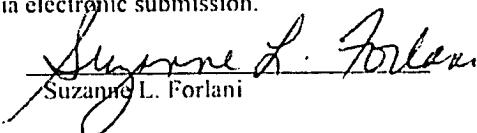
Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the Listing of Claims, which begins on page 2 of this paper.

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